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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION ISSUES

FROM AMBASSADOR

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1. EMBOFF RAISED POSSIBILITY OF ACDA TEAM VISIT WITH MID-LEVEL FONSEC OFFICIAL (PALACIOS TREVINO), WHO BROACHED MATTER WITH COLLEAGUES UP THE LINE. OFFICIAL CALLED BACK LATER TO REPORT FONSEC "CONSENSUS" THAT, WHILE IN PRINCIPLE TEAM WAS WELCOME TO VISIT MEXICO, IN PRACTICAL TERMS CONSULTATION WITH MEXICANS ON NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION COULD MUCH BETTER BE CARRIED OUT WITH GARCIA ROBLES AND COMPANY IN NEW YORK CITY AFTER SEPT. 17. MOREOVER, IT APPEARED THAT FONSEC EXPERTISE IN THIS FIELD, SUCH AS THERE WAS, WOULD BE DEPLETED FOR MANY WEEKS BY CONFERENCES IN VIENNA AND GENEVA. ON BALANCE, FONSEC FELT THAT PURPOSES OF CONSULTATIONS WOULD NOT RPT NOT BEST BE SERVED BY TEAM'S VISITING MEXICO IN NEAR FUTURE, BUT ASKED TO BE KEPT INFORMED.

2. EMBOFF HAD PREVIOUSLY RAISED MATTER WITH OPANAL ASST
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SECGEN GONZALEZ DE LEON AND GOT QUITE FAVORABLE RESPONSE.

ALTHOUGH MONTH OF SEPTEMBER MIGHT NOT BE BEST DUE TO HIS AND SECGEN'S ALTERNATING ABSENCES FROM MEXICO, TEAM WOULD BE WARMLY WELCOMED ANY TIME THEREAFTER. (IN THIS CONNNECTION, EMBOFF SPECIFICALLY ASKED PALACIOS TREVINO WHETHER FONSEC WOULD HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO TEAM'S VISITING MEXICO TO CONSULT WITH OPANAL SECRETARIAT AND WAS ASSURED IT WOULD NOT.)

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY OFFICERS, AND I PERSONALLY, WOULD OF COURSE WELCOME AND VALUE VISIT BY SENIOR ACDA OFFICIAL AND EXPERTS TO DISCUSS NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION PROBLEMS-- PARTICULARLY FOLLOWING ANY TALKS THEY MIGHT HAVE WITH GARCIA ROBLES. WE AGREE WITH FONSEC, HOWEVER, THAT FOR USEFUL SUBSTANTIVE TALKS WITH MEXICANS ACDA TEAM WOULD PROBABLY DO BETTER TO TRACK DOWN THEIR EXPERTS IN NEW YORK. WE MIGHT ADD, RE PARA TWO REFTTEL, THAT WE ARE DOUBTFUL MEXICANS CAN DO MUCH MORE THAN THEY ARE ALREADY DOING WITH OPANAL TO ENLIST LA/NFZ ADHERENCE FROM BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, AND CHILE--PARTICULARLY LAST OF THESE, WITH WHOM MEXICAN RELATIONS ARE NOW IN DEEP FREEZE.
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